Off-Shore

1. Andaman
2. East Coast
3. West Coast

(b) The areas are:

On-Land

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Arakan Fold belt, Bengal, Cauvery, Cambay. Ganga Valley, Himalayan Foothills, Krishna-Godavari, Kutch, Orissa, Rajasthan, Upper Assam.

Off-Shore

Andaman, Bengal, Bombay High, Cauvery, Kutch & Saurashtra, Kerala Konkon, Krishna-Godavari, North-East Coast.

Estimated Reserve of Petroleum and Natural Gas

544. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated reserve of petroleum and natural gas in the country;

(b) what is the policy of Government to tap the reserves;

(c) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission is concentrating only on known reserve areas like Bombay High; and

(d) whether Government consider that the country will be self sufficient in petroleum products by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): The estimated reserves of crude oil and natural gas in the country as on 1-1-84 were as under:

	(Million tonnes)
Crude oil	511
Natural Gas	478

(b) The general policy of the Government is to exploit the reserves with a view to optimising the production coupled with economic return.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Efforts are directed to attain self sufficiency in oil at the earliest. However, since exploration of oil is highly probablistic in nature, it would not be possible to indicate with any certitude when self sufficiency can be attained.

Setting up Gas Cracker Complex in Gujarat

545. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat applied for a Letter of Intent for setting up a Gas Cracker Complex in 1979;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in issuing the Letter of Intent to the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) The State Govt. of Gujarat had applied for a letter of intent for setting up a gas based petrochemicals complex in November, 1978. The application was closed in March 1979 with provision for review in due course of time.

The question of issue of a letter of intent would arise after issues such as assured availability of feed stock, demand for products and availability of resources with the State Govt. are resolved.